

## The Universal Providers Stockton & Co.

About January 1st we will combine our dry good stock at our corner store, and our clothing and furnishings, and shoes will be combined at our store at 298-300 Commercial street until our new building is completed. Until then we will

### Slaughter Prices More Than Ever

GREAT  
SLAUGHTER  
OF  
MEN'S SUITS

Ladies' and  
Children's  
Jackets  
1-2 Price

Plenty of good styles to select from.

SHAW KNIT HOSE FOR BOYS AND MISSES.

18c pr.

Regular 25c values.  
See our Reduced prices on

Portiers

Draperies, etc., Court street window.

BEAUTIFUL  
COLLARS FOR  
LADIES  
AT GREAT  
REDUCTIONS

BEAUTIFUL  
HOLIDAY  
HANDKER-  
CHIEFS  
AT SALE  
PRICES.

GREAT COMBINATION SALES AT BOTH STORES.

### Sale Prices on Toys and Dolls

OUR STORE OPEN NIGHTS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

## OPENS THURSDAY

First Annual Exhibition  
of the

SALEM POULTRY AND PET STOCK  
ASSOCIATION.

Make your engagements so you  
can attend.

Three days and three nights.  
A fine exhibit of blooded stock.

DOGS, CATS AND POULTRY.

You cannot afford to miss it.

## Oregon Fire Relief Association

Oregon's Great Mutual Insurance Co.  
\$15,440,588 insurance at risk.  
Safe, economical insurance for the  
people. Head office, McMinnville, Or.  
H. A. JOHNSON, Agent for Marion Co.  
Salem, Oregon.

## MODEL OYSTER PARLORS

140 Court Street.  
Oysters any style and short orders.  
Oyster Loaves, Chicken Tamales, Shell  
Fish, Etc. in season.  
Special chicken dinner, Sundays, 25c.

## Potatoes, Potatoes, POTATOES

Call and see us before you  
sell your Crop

James M. Kyle & Co  
175 Commercial St.

## Fresh NAVAL ORANGES

Today

—AT—

*Fleur de Lis*

Edward Ellis. 144 State St.

## Timely Suggestions for Christmas Presents

Diamond Rings from \$10.00 to \$300.  
Ladies' Watches from \$6.50 to \$50.  
Gents' Watches from \$4.50 to \$50.00.  
Boys' Watches from \$1.50 to \$8.00.  
Solid Gold Rings from \$1.00 to \$20.00.  
Diamond Brooches from \$10.00 and up.  
Diamond Cuff Links from \$3.50 to \$25.  
Diamond Studs from \$11.50 to \$200.  
Watch Chains from \$1.50 to \$15.00.  
Opera Glasses from \$6.50 to \$15.00.  
Gold Pens and Pearl Handies \$1.50  
to \$2.00.  
Stick Pins, beauties from \$1 to \$1.50.  
Match Boxes from \$1.50 to \$5.00.  
Shaving Mugs from \$3.50 to \$6.50.

Spectacles and eye-glasses selected for Xmas presents will be re-fitted after the holidays. Your selections laid aside until you want them.

Chas. H. Hinges,

Jeweler and Optician, 88 State Street.

## TO HELP MINISTER BEAUPRE

### Cruiser Will Remove Him From Colombia to Colon

### American Representative to Be Given Right to Com- municate With Washington

Panama, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were made today for a cruiser to go to Cartagena to conduct Minister Beaupre from Colombia to Colon. No reason is given, but the presumption is it is to give Beaupre an opportunity to communicate freely with Washington regarding affairs at Bogota.

### Battery Is Ready.

Port Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 18.—One thousand rounds of fixed ammunition for the Twenty-eighth mountain battery arrived by express today. The battery is now prepared for immediate call. If ordered to the isthmus it will probably go via San Francisco, for operations on the western side.

## RAILWAYS OF THE COUNTRY

### Report of the Interstate Com- mission

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Reports of the Interstate commerce commission issued today, shows returns for 200,000 miles of railway, approximately 98 per cent of the entire mileage in the states. The gross earnings are nearly \$2,000,000,000, the operating expenses \$1,250,000,000. The earnings show an increase over the previous year of about \$34,000,000.

The report declares the Elkins law to be beneficial, as it has checked many violations. Freight rates show an increase, and there is no way in which the advance can be prevented. Some solution has been made of the car coupler problem.

During the year 164 passengers were killed, and 4400 injured, 895 employees were killed and 6400 injured.

## MILLS OF CON- GRESS GRINDING

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rose offered a resolution referring to the Turkish trouble, and calling on the President to secure the convening of the Berlin congress of seventy-eight to see that the provisions of that treaty is carried out. It was referred to the committee on foreign relations. Morgan offered a resolution bearing on the Panama revolution, that the President had no right to use American troops to prevent Colombia warring with Panama. It went over.

Daniels, in a lengthy, bitter speech, attacked the administration's actions toward Colombia.

Fullerton advocated a bill making an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition, which was referred to the committee on industrial exhibits. At 3 o'clock the senate entered executive session, for the consideration of the Chinese treaty, which Cullom announced might be passed before the doors opened.

### CIVIC FEDERATION.

Prominent Men at the Big Convention in Chicago.

New York, Dec. 18.—Annual meeting of the National Civic Federation began here today. Senator Hanna presided and Volney Foster, of Chicago, a manufacturer, addressed the meeting this afternoon on the industrial question. Among those present are President Mitchell, Bishop Potter, President Elliott, of Harvard, and Chief Conductor Frank.

### Bandits at Large.

Tucson, Dec. 18.—Alford and Stiles, the escaped bandits are still at large. They have not been seen in Happy Valley, where they made their headquarters, when they escaped two years ago. A telephone message says they have been surrounded in the foothills of the San Jose mountains, but the report is not confirmed.

### Will Amalgamate.

Toledo, Dec. 18.—The International Association of Allied Metal Mechanics

today decided to submit the question of an amalgamation with the International Mechanics to a referendum vote of both organizations. This is almost certain to result in the amalgamation, which is reported as a step toward an inevitable union of all the crafts in the metal trade.

### To increase Bond.

In the probate court today, in the case of the estate of Mary Ann Case, deceased, a petition was filed asking that the bonds of Sanderson Reed, administrator of the estate, be increased, and Judge Scott ordered that citation issue to Mr. Reed, ordering him to appear in court on January 9, 1904, and show cause, if any there be, why the bond should not be increased.

### Pope Leo's Legacy.

Rome, Dec. 18.—It is reported that Cardinal Gottl today handed the pope \$7,000,000 in foreign securities, a legacy of Pope Leo to his successor.

## Eor the Women Folks

THE LOW HUNG SUPPLY CAN.  
THE LONG HOLLOW BOWL.  
THE ENCLOSED GEARS.  
THE EASY TURNING.  
THE CLEAN SKIMMING.  
THE CLEANLINESS.

All these features on the Sharpless Tubular Cream Separator commend it to the thoughtful man who buys a machine that his wife or daughters must wash or care for—and in most cases run. The cut above shows the Sharpless as you find it. Milk can easily be reached, only waist high, and the separator bowl only one piece in it, against from 10 to 30 in most others. The cleaning of the bowls in other machines would drive most any woman crazy, trying to clean thoroughly the small bowls or jagged points.

The Sharpless bowl is hollow and smooth, and they can be cleaned instantly.

The gears run in oil and are enclosed, so that there is absolutely no danger, as in many other machines.

The separator season will soon be on in full force, and the Sharpless, as usual, will be at the front. If you are planning to buy, drop us a line and we'll enclose catalogue and printed matter, then you come in when you can and see the machine. You'll agree we're right.

Six carloads of Sharpless sold out of Portland in 1903.

Four carloads sold of Seattle, and about 14 sold out of San Francisco.

How's that for a record?

Sales nearly double over 1902.

And disc plows.

Its a marvel the way the trade keeps up. No, not a marvel, either, when you know its the old reliable Benicia Hancock that we have sold for two years to nearly four score farmers of Marion and Polk counties. Another shipment just in.

## F. A. Wiggins' Implement House.

255-257 Liberty St.  
Farm Machinery, Bicycles, Automobiles, Sewing Machines and Supplies.

N. H. BURLEY,  
Sewing Machine Repairing.

## HOLIDAY SPECIAL

25 Cents  
3 lbs Fancy Dates.  
35 Cents  
2 lbs Walnuts or Almonds.  
35 Cents  
2 lbs Mixed Nuts.  
35 Cents  
2 lbs cans Solid Pineapple.  
50 Cents  
1 Bushel of Good Apples.  
5 Cents  
1 Package Barnum Animals.  
10 Cents  
1 Package Noah's Ark.

Fuller & Douglas,  
142 State Grocers Phone 2261

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

JOHN F. CORDRAY, Mgr.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19.  
Special Return Engagement  
Of last season's laughing success  
Goodhue & Kellogg's splendid com-  
pany of players, including  
Mr. John Daly Murphy  
and  
Miss Pauline Hickler.

In the jolly comedy  
HELLO BILL!  
HELLO BILL!  
HELLO BILL!

America's funniest comedy.  
The same splendid company that  
has delighted all California, and is  
proclaimed by press and public the  
very jolliest and laughiest ever.  
Prices—75c, 50c and 35c Seats on  
sale at box office Saturday at 9 a. m.

## Monday Dec. 21

Engagement of the Peculiar Comed-  
ian.

## MR. W. B. PATTON.

Supported by a cast of uniform  
excellence in a magnificent production  
of the charming stage story.

## The Ministers's Son

A sweet, wholesome story of life  
in a little down East village.

The most natural play yet given  
to the stage.

PRICES—75c, 50c, 35c.

Seats on sale at box-office Monday  
at 9 a. m.

## CLAGGETT PROPERTY SOLD

What is familiarly known to  
Salem people as the old Uncle  
Charley Claggett home property,  
on the corner of Marion and  
Commercial streets, will be sold  
at public auction to the highest  
bidder on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th.

At 2 o'clock p. m., at the west  
door of the Marion county court  
house. By order of the court.

WILLIAM CLAGGETT,  
Administrator.

## NEW TODAY

For Rent.—Six-room house, all modern  
conveniences; also furnished or  
unfurnished rooms. Inquire at 85  
Commercial street. 12-18-3t\*

Shooting Match.—Turkeys, chickens  
and geese. At the Geo. O. Savage  
place, 1 1/4 miles east of Salem, on  
the Silvertown road, Tuesday, Decem-  
ber 22d. Lunch served at the house.  
12-18-3t\*

Judge Tuck will give a public exhi-  
bition of dog judging tonight at the  
show. Everybody come; 8 p. m.

For Sale.—Twenty-five goats. Inquire  
of Chas. Batt, Route No. 3, Salem.  
12-18-3t\*

Misses  
and  
Children's

## Cloaks

At

1  
2

Price

This is an opportunity of  
the year to get a late style  
garment at less than whole-  
sale cost.

See window display.

*Sabrymple's*



## Don't Let It Escape

When you have at last seized such  
a good opportunity of having your  
laundry work done in such perfect  
condition, and of such an irreproch-  
able color and finish as you will find  
everything that leaves our establish-  
ment. We have aimed to make the  
work done at the Salem Steam Lau-  
ndry perfect, and to keep it at the top  
notch of perfection, and we have suc-  
ceeded in gratifying our patrons be-  
yond our fondest hopes. Drop us a  
postal card or telephone, and the  
wagon will stop.

Salem Steam  
Laundry

Phone 411 230 Liberty St.

## DON'T FORGET

That THE FAIR STORE is located at No. 274 Commercial  
Street, and that we carry the largest stock of toys and holiday  
goods in Salem, at prices that can't be beat. We have express  
wagons, hobby horses, wheel barrows, doll carriages, children's  
rocking chairs, toy trunks, drums, horns, tops, banks, tool  
chests, air guns, boats, toy furniture, doll houses, Christmas  
tree ornaments and, in fact, everything in that line.

We have the best values in dolls ever seen in Salem.

## THE FAIR STORE

274 Commercial Street

## CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

Extraordinary Low Prices  
Offered on

## Christmas Goods

Presents galore in every department. Fine Silks, Dress Goods, Fine  
Waisings in Silk Velvet and Oxford Cloth, Black Silk Mercerized Under-  
shirts.

Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Laces and Kid Gloves, Dress  
Skirts, Knit Wool Shawls, Capes, Lace Collars, French Flannel Waists;  
Pocket Books, Wrist Bags. Men's and Ladies' and Children's Hosiery,  
Underwear and hundreds of other useful presents too numerous to men-  
tion. Prices cut down to the lowest rock bottom.

The Cheapest Store in the Northwest  
M'Evoy Brothers, Court St., Salem